

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

**FROM: RICHARD A. BAKER, Director
Architecture & Engineering Department**

**SUBJECT: SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION FOR ADDITIONAL DELINEATION AT VICTORVILLE
SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION – AWARD CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Award a \$10,592.50 contract to Geo-Sec, Inc., of San Bernardino for additional Soil Contamination Delineation Services at the Victorville Sheriff's Substation in Victorville; and 2) Authorize the Director of Architecture & Engineering to execute the Notice of Completion after acceptance of the work.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has mandated that all single-walled steel underground fuel storage tanks be replaced with double-walled tanks in order to prevent the leakage and contamination associated with single-walled tanks.

The Board, on June 30, 1998, approved a construction contract for the removal and replacement of emergency generator underground fuel storage tanks at eleven sites, one of which was the Victorville Sheriff Substation in Victorville. Upon removal of the existing underground fuel storage tank, contaminated soils were encountered. A work plan describing the work to be performed to evaluate the degree and range of the contamination was prepared for and approved by the County Fire/Hazardous Material Department (HAZMAT). Field work was then performed to evaluate the extent of the contamination. However, upon completion of the initial field work it was determined by HAZMAT that additional field work would be needed to further evaluate the range and extent of the contamination. Another work plan was prepared for and approved by HAZMAT.

This contract is required to further assess the soil contamination.

The Architecture and Engineering Department recently solicited quotations from three local geotechnical consulting firms for the additional soil contamination delineation at the site. On February 2, 2000, three quotations were submitted by equally qualified geotechnical firms. Geo-Sec, Inc. of San Bernardino submitted a \$10,592.50 quotation, Geo-Cal, Inc. of San Bernardino submitted a \$12,147.50 quotation, and Hilltop Geotechnical, Inc. of Highland submitted a \$24,660.50 quotation.

On July 27, 1999, the Board amended County Code Section 14.012 (d) and added Section 14.0113 to require Board approval of services in excess of \$25,000.00 per vendor, per department or Board-governed district per fiscal year. Board approved contracts for Geo-Sec in the amount of \$70,740.00 have already been awarded this fiscal year.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This Board Item has been coordinated with John Giblin, County Administrative Office; Jim Friedrichsen, Vehicle Services Department; Eli Montoya, Department Contract Compliance Designee; and approved as to form by Jean Basle, Deputy County Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The funding for this project is included in the FY 1999/00 Capital Improvement Program.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First.

Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

PRESENTER: Richard A. Baker, Director